Charts

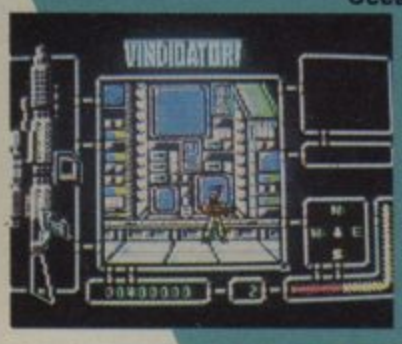
Advanced Dungeons and Dragons

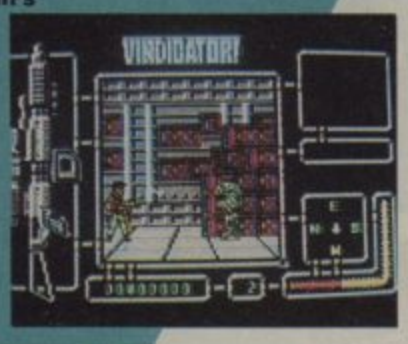
US Gold has a whole string of Advanced Dungeons and Dragons titles planned, bringing an entire line of role playing games to your computer. The first two are out in autumn, developed in the States by top FRP outfit S.S.I.

Pools of Radiance **adds displays of monsters, dungeons and swinging weapons to the standard AD & D gameplay, and allows you to personalise the weapons and armour of your characters. This is followed by an arcade-style interpretation of Heroes of the Lance across all major systems in September, followed by other D&D products.**

Vindictive

This is **The Vindicator,** a sort of Rolling Thunder style shoot 'em up where the aim of the game is to blast all the nasty aliens who've taken over the earth (Shock horror!) On all popular 8 bit systems at normal full price. out at the end of July from **Ocean's**





E.T. comes home

E.T. – The Extra Terrestrial – gets a world wide release on video this October. While some of you may have seen it on pirate vid already – you naughty people! – this is the first time **Steven Spielberg's** mega - weepie has been officially available. Released way back in '82, it will cost £49.95, or a couple of quid from the corner shop for the night. There are no plans to make the world's biggest grossing film available to TV for a good while yet.

Walls have cars

. . . . or so they claim, basing one of their new range of lollies for Summer '88 on the wishes of a 12 year old "Jim'll Fix It" girl. The result: the Tongue Twister, now joined by the Strawberry, Pineapple and Lime Tangle Twister (C + VG rating: looks weird, tastes a bit wet), the 15 penny Crazy Joe Cola (C + VG rating: cola lolly with white ice cream centre, good value) and the swirly, messy toffee-fudge Pzazz (C + VG rating: looks like sludge tastes . . . a bit sickly). Our favourites are the Orange Calippo water ice, and the "adult" Snofruit, with great lumps of strawberry and cream frozen on a stick.

AMSTRAD TOP TEN

1	Yogi Bear – Alternative
2	Super Stuntman – Code Masters
3	Steve Davis Snooker – Blue Ribbon
4	ACE – Cascade
5	Fruit Machine Simulator – Code Masters
6	Shanghai Karate – Players
7	Frank Bruno's Boxing – Encore
8	Six Pak 3 – Hit Pak
9	Ninja Scooter Simulator – Firebird
10	We are the Champions – Ocean

Except for *Six Pak 3*, a collection of old games, every title here is a budget re-release, and can be picked up for under three quid.

C64 TOP TEN

1	ACE – Cascade
2	Steve Davis Snooker – Blue Ribbon
3	Ghostbusters – Mastertronic
4	Alien Syndrome – ACE
5	Trap Door – Alternative
6	Paciand – Quicksilva
7	Ikarai Warriors – Elite
8	Target Renegade – Imagine
9	Draconus – Zeppelin
10	Yogi Bear – Alternative

ACE leaps fifteen places to number one, pushing Target Renegade back down to eight. The chart shows a pretty even split between new full pricers, and re-releases/budget games.

SPECTRUM TOP TEN

1	Target Renegade – Imagine
2	ACE – Cascade
3	Yogi Bear – Alternative
4	Ghostbusters – Mastertronic
5	Fruit Machine Simulator – Code Masters
6	Frank Bruno's Boxing – Encore
7	Steve Davis Snooker – Blue Ribbon
8	Soccer Boss – Alternative
9	Out Run – Sega/US Gold
10	Super Stuntman – Codemasters

Though only Target Renegade and Out Run are full-price games in this list, Speccy remains the only format to still outsell the growing 16-bit market.

Fax

Joyriders

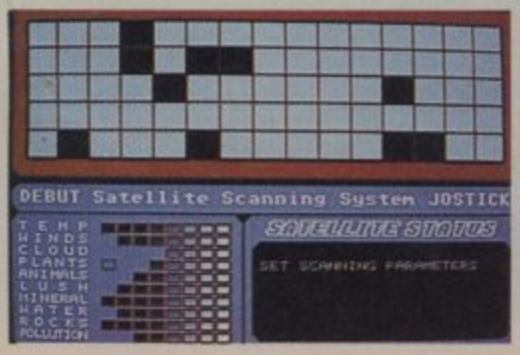
Stick it to them with these two new variations on the Cruiser theme, black and clear versions of their popular joystick. Black and blue come with the adjustable stiffener feature on the knob, allowing you to taylor things to your style of play, and dual lead for the +2 (£9.99), while the cool clear one also enjoys auto-fire (available late August at £12.99).

Diamond Life

No screen shots here, because the most interesting thing about Destiny's shoot 'em up Diamond is that it comes with a free cassette single by new (ish) band, The Company She Keeps. Out in June on Spectrum (£7.99) and C64 (£8.99/12.99), it isn't the only game to feature this gimmick: 19 Part 1 – Boot Camp from Harrogate's Cascade comes with a 12" mix of Paul Hardcastle's hit "N-nnnnnnninteen".

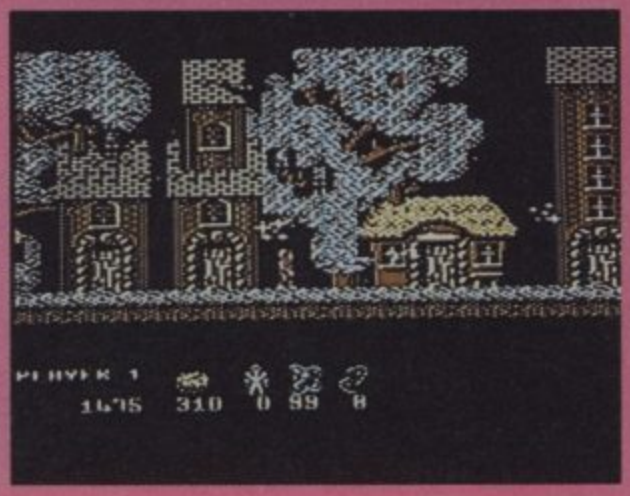
Debut Decends

Debut, a new Atari ST game from Interceptor's Pandora label, may look pretty dull, but if the idea of stabilizing a planet poisoned by human generated pollution sounds like your cup of tea, then it's certainly not. Wars and so on have further damaged the eco-system, and it is your job to manipulate the weather, regulate the population and regulate the food chain in this ecologically sound adventure. After all, we don't want everyone to die out, now do we? At only £19.95, it has to be one of the cheaper ways to play God.



Fortune Hunter

Firebird's Soldier of Fortune, out in September on C64 and Spectrum, is not the modern day mercenary epic it sounds like, but a more FRP style scrolling adventure, where picking up coins helps you to buy better weapons from the weapons shop. Ghosts, bats and owls are among the villains, and your character shares pretty close relations with the elements, with earth, fire, wind and water affecting his "performance". Speccy £7.95, Commodore cassette £9.95/disk £12.95. Elemental, my dear Watson.



ALL SYSTEMS TOP TEN
By Individual Machine Format

1	Target Renegade – Spectrum
2	ACE – Spectrum
3	Yogi Bear – Spectrum
4	Ghostbusters – Spectrum
5	ACE – C64
6	Fruit Machine Simulator – Spectrum
7	Frank Bruno's Boxing – Spectrum
8	Steve Davis Snooker – Spectrum
9	Soccer Boss – Spectrum
10	Out Run – Spectrum
11	Yogi Bear – Amstrad
12	Super Stuntman – Spectrum
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14	Shanghai Karate – Spectrum
15	Interceptor – Amiga
16	Sam Fox Strip Poker – Spectrum
17	Steve Davis Snooker – C64
18	Steve Davis Snooker – Amstrad
19	Carrier Command – ST
20	Popeye – Spectrum

This chart gives a good indication of just how many budget Speccy games still sell compared to other formats. Software houses Mastertronic and Alternative are neck and neck in the sales stakes, leaving nearest rivals Firebird and Codemasters in their slipstream.

ATARI ST TOP TEN

1	Carrier Command – Rainbird
2	Out Run – Sega/US Gold
3	Dungeon Master – Mirrorsoft
4	Buggy Boy – Elite
5	Captain Blood – Infogrames
6	Gauntlet 2 – US Gold
7	Foundation's Waste – Exocet
8	Ikari Warriors – Elite
9	Obliterator – Psygnosis
10	Pandora – Firebird

Combined ST and Amiga sales now account for over 25% of the market, with the top four titles appearing in the overall Top 50.

AMIGA TOP FIVE

1	Interceptor – Electronic Arts
2	Obliterator – Psygnosis
3	Ferrari Formula One – Electronic Arts
4	Aargh – Melbourne House
5	Star Wars – Domark

Obliterator, Ferrari F1 and Star Wars are all re-entries, with Interceptor – the only Amiga game to hold a Top 50 position – knocking Aargh! from number one.